



RECEIVED

APR 23 2003

PATENT

Case Docket No. AVANIR.C61CP3
TECH CENTER 100 Date: April 18, 2003

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Jagadish C. Sircar et al.

Appl. No. : 09/983,054

Filed : October 16, 2001

For : BENZIMIDAZOLE
DERIVATIVES AS
MODULATORS OF IgE

Examiner : William R A Jarvis

Group Art Unit : 1614

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all marked attachments are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 2327, Arlington, VA 22202, on

April 18, 2003

(Date)

Salima A. Merani
Recognized Under 37 CFR §10.9(b)

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

United States Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 2327
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 listing fifteen (15) references.
- (X) Limited Recognition under 37 CFR §10.9(b) for Salima A. Merani.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.
- (X) Return prepaid postcard.

Salima A. Merani
Recognized Under 37 CFR §10.9(b)
Attorney of Record
Customer No. 20,995
(949) 760-0404

**BEFORE THE OFFICE OF ENROLLMENT AND DISCIPLINE
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

LIMITED RECOGNITION UNDER 37 CFR § 10.9(b)

Salima Merani is hereby given limited recognition under 37 CFR § 10.9(b) as an employee of the Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear ("Knobbe") law firm to prepare and prosecute patent applications wherein the patent applicant is the client of the Knobbe law firm, and the attorney or agent of record in the applications is a registered practitioner who is a member of the Knobbe law firm. This limited recognition shall expire on the date appearing below, or when whichever of the following events first occurs prior to the date appearing below: (i) Salima Merani ceases to lawfully reside in the United States, (ii) Salima Merani's employment with the Knobbe law firm ceases or is terminated, or (iii) Salima Merani ceases to remain or reside in the United States on a TN visa.

This document constitutes proof of such recognition. The original of this document is on file in the Office of Enrollment and Discipline of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Expires: September 12, 2003



Harry I. Moatz

Director of Enrollment and Discipline